

HOUSE BILL 3097
By Winningham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, relative to Tennessee student
assistance awards.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-302, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting the following language:

(a) Students who enroll in a public or nonpublic college or university shall have payments of their awards made directly to the college or university. The college or university shall promptly credit such payments to individual student accounts if the student owes the institution for any educational expenses. If the student does not owe the institution for any educational expenses, the award proceeds shall be promptly disbursed to the student by the institution.

(b) Payments of all awards shall be made in approximately equal installments after the beginning of each academic term upon receipt by the Tennessee student assistance corporation of evidence that the student is officially enrolled in an eligible institution. All payments shall be transmitted by the Tennessee student assistance corporation to the director of financial aid or other designated official at each college or university to ensure proper handling and distribution.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-303, is amended by deleting the words "or the maximum permissible award under the federal state student incentive grant program, whichever is less" in the second sentence.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-306, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.